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## The Amateur Minstrel Club Last Friday Evening at the Appomattox Club Turned Over a Check for \$425.00

TO S. R. JOHNSON, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLD FOLKS HOME, 510 WEST GARFIELD BOULEVARD.

THAT WAS THE NET SUM REALIZED FROM THE RECENT ENTERTAINMENT OF THE CLUB AT OAKLAND MUSIC HALL.

THE REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES PUBLISHED IN FULL IN THESE COLUMNS.

JESSE BINGA, THE BANKER, JULIUS F. TAYLOR, MAJOR ROBERT R. JACKSON, CHARLES S. WASHINGTON AND FRANK B. WARING, CHOSEN AS A COMMITTEE TO OUTLINE AND FORM PLANS TO PROMOTE A COLORED CHARITY BUREAU FOR THE CITY OF CHICAGO.

Last Friday evening the parlors of the Appomattox Club, were crowded with the members of the Amateur Minstrel Club and with those who had been invited to be present to witness the presentation of the check to the head director of the Old Folks Home, 510 West Garfield Blvd.

Shortly after nine o'clock, Frank B. Waring, President of the Amateur Minstrel Club, started the ball to rolling by stating that after each entertainment each year the members always gathered together, generally at the home of some one connected with the club, and gave an entertainment or free doings for the edification of its friends, the members of the club going down in their own pockets to pay for the luncheon, the choice cigars and the other refreshments which they always serve; that all expenses incident upon the one evening of real pleasure is dug up among themselves so as not to touch one penny for that purpose which they realize from their public entertainments for the benefit of the Old Folks Home.

At the end of his remarks he called on Charles S. Washington, secretary of the club, to read his report in connection with its last entertainment and when he had finished doing so, Howard Cornwell, treasurer of the club, was called on by President Waring to bring forth the check, and in a neat little speech he presented it to S. R. Johnson, President of the Board of Directors of the Old Folks Home. It called for \$425; it was drawn on Jesse Binga's Bank, State Street and 36th Place.

In accepting it in behalf of the Home, Mr. Johnson called attention to the fact that the Home was greatly in need of more money in order to make some urgent improvements. W. H. Jackson and George M. Turner were the other two speakers in the interest of the Home; the other speakers during the pleasant meeting were Jesse Binga, Julius F. Taylor, Major Robert R. Jackson, Charles S. Washington, Henry S. Anderson, A. L. McBride, E. S. Abbott and Frank B. Waring.

Several members of the club sang their favorite songs, with all present heartily joining in the chorus, with David McGowan, musical director of the club, at the piano.

Just before the club wound up its business for the past year and the speech making was at an end, Jesse Binga, Julius F. Taylor, Major Robert R. Jackson, Charles S. Washington and Frank B. Waring were chosen as a committee to outline and form plans to promote a Colored Charity Bureau for the city of Chicago. The first meeting of the committee was held last evening at the elegant home of Banker and Mrs. Jesse Binga, 5324 Vernon Ave.

It may not be out of place to state right here that the tempting buffet luncheon and all of the trimmings was highly enjoyed by the jolly crowd of would-be-minstrels.

The following is the report in full of the recent entertainment given by the club at Oakland Music Hall.

Report of Amateur Minstrel Club—Easter Show and Dance, April 13, 1914: Receipts—Balance forwarded, \$25.00; Box Office, \$277.00; Programs, \$14.27; Punch (by The X Club), \$39.90; Ladies' Coat Room, \$14.30; Men's Coat Room, \$21.45; from Letters, \$79.20; Tickets by Members, \$144.50; Total, \$615.62.

Expenses—Music, \$22.50; Hall Rent, \$30.00; Rehearsals, \$16.50; Printing, \$29.35; Newspapers, \$14.00; Costumes, \$10.40; Stamps, \$10.00; Frappe, \$9.00; Coat Room Attendant, \$4.50; Coat Room Checks, \$1.50; Janitor, \$2.75; Miscellaneous, \$12.32; Total expenses, \$162.82. Balance, \$452.80; to Old Folks Home, \$425; Balance on Hand, \$27.80.

The following statement is from the management of the Old Folks Home: Chicago, May 2, 1914.

To the Public: On behalf of the management of the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored People: I wish to make public acknowledgment of the receipt of \$425 from the Amateur Minstrel Club, being the net receipts of their Easter entertainment.

We are grateful, not alone because it came at such an opportune moment, but also because the support given this magnificent body of men by the public shows the gradual development of the idea that Christianity and Charity go hand in hand and we are treading in the wake of the Jewish people, whose magnificent system of charities are the admiration of the civilized world.

Geo. M. Turner, Secretary.

Note—We must pause for just one moment to state that The Board Ax was the only one of the three Afro-American newspapers in this city which reduced its advertising rates for the benefit of the Old Folks Home; it only charged the Amateur Minstrel Club three dollars for running its ad. in its columns seven times, which was about the actual cost for carrying it; while on the other hand the two other newspapers charged their highest advertising rate, although the affair was for charity and for the benefit of the Old Folks Home; hence the fourteen dollars for the newspapers.

MAYOR CARTER H. HARRISON FAILED TO SELECT AN AFRO-AMERICAN AS A MEMBER OF HIS PERMANENT CITY CHARTER COMMISSION.

By all Means He Should Confer that High Honor on the Rev. Hon. Archibald Jackson Carey, Ph. D. D. D.

Mayor Carter H. Harrison has appointed the following persons as permanent members of his new City Charter Commission and, as he failed to select one Afro-American to serve on the commission, we respectfully request him to select the Rev. Hon. Archibald Jackson Carey, Ph. D. D. D. as one of its members: Ald. John A. Richter, Ald. Thos. D. Nash, Ald. G. F. Harding, Ald. C. E. Merzian, Ald. J. R. Emerson, Ald. Lewis D. Sitts, Ald. John Toman, Ald.



PROF. JAMES A. MUNDY

One of Chicago's most popular musical directors; head of the Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Club which will give a musical festival at Orchestra Hall, Monday evening, May 11, at 8 o'clock.

MUSICAL FESTIVAL BY THE COLERIDGE TAYLOR CLUB. Orchestra Hall, Monday Evening, May 11, 1914, at 8:00.

Grand May Musical Festival will be given by the Coleridge Taylor Club (of the Raymond School Social Settlement) at Orchestra Hall this coming Monday evening, May 11; 75 voices. James A. Mundy, Conductor, assisted by Mrs. Willa Sloan, soprano; Mrs. Carroll K. Dickerson, Violin; Y. M. C. A. Boys Glee Club, 25 voices; Chicago Mixed Quartette; Lily Nelson, soprano; Phyllis Woodward, contralto; Edward Bor-

H. E. Littler, Ald. Eugene Block, Ald. M. J. Healy, Ald. G. E. Trebing, Ald. John Haderlein, Ald. F. B. Janovsky, Ald. Ellis Geiger, George E. Cole, James Donahoe, Henry Horner, Senator Niels Juul, Senator W. C. Jones, Rep. D. E. Shanahan, Rep. S. Stedman; A. D. Weiner, John Fitzpatrick, S. S. Gregory, Angus R. Shannon, Miss C. Goggin, Mrs. Grace W. Trout, John C. Metz, George E. Hooker.

"THE 9TH ANNUAL ELKS' GRAND BALL" OF GREAT LAKES LODGE NO. 43 I. B. P. O. E. OF W.

One of the Real Features of the Season, at the Coliseum Annex, Thursday "Eve," May 14, 1914.

On Thursday "Eve," May 14, 1914, the Colored "Elks" will give one of their unique and up-to-date affairs, for which this organization is famous, and for which the amusement-loving public has been waiting and watching for. That it will be worth the price, any one who has attended any of the past Balls of the Elks will testify to. One of the features will be a "Grand Tango Contest," participated in by all of the up-to-date exponents of this latest dance fad. The Judges will be "Lovie" Joe of the Elite fame, Jerry Mills and Charley Young. Another feature will be the grand march, led by all of the past officers. Music will be furnished by the famous Eighth Regiment Band. A number of well-known out-of-town vists will honor the occasion with their presence, namely: Col. Jno. L. Slaughter, Milwaukee, Wis.; Col. Edward Gaither, Cincinnati, O. Included among those that will attend will be all of the Colored business and professional men of the city. That Henry Jones is Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, ably assisted by the full membership of Great Lakes Lodge, bespeaks for it the unparalleled success it justly deserves.

den, Tenor; John W. Jones, Bass. Boxes seating six persons, \$9.00. Tickets exchanged for reserved seats (without extra charge), at Orchestra Hall Box Office, Michigan Ave., near Adams St., on or after Monday, May 4, 1914.

Prof. N. Clark Smith, for some years head chief of the famous Tuskegee Institute band will conduct Mr. Mundy's compositions, general admission main floor, \$1.00. First row balcony 75 cents, rear balcony 50 cents. Gallery 25. The above affair promises to be a very rare musical treat.

GRADUATING EXERCISES OF THE NURSES OF PROVIDENT HOSPITAL.

Monday evening graduating exercises of the new nurses of Provident Hospital and Training School, 36th and Dearborn Streets, were held at the Y. M. C. A. Building, 38th Street and Wabash Avenue, and a large audience was present to witness the interesting exercises. George H. Webster, one of Chicago's most public-spirited citizens, Charles W. Cestnutt, of Cleveland, O., and Miss Sophronisa Breckinridge, were the principal speakers.

Miss Maud Roberts and Mr. Hugh Buchanan, delightfully sang.

The following were the graduates: Leila Martha Stubbs, Boston; Elizabeth Lillie, Cynthia, Ky.; Yolande Marie Charleston, Rome, Italy; Chandler Battle, Wilson, N. C.; Florence Mahala Heron, Island of Jamaica; Mabel M. Hill, Cynthia, Ky.; B. Allegra Webb, Peru, Ind.; Willie Edna De Priest, Rockford, Ill.

And not one of them are residents of Chicago, which seems very strange indeed, when we come to think of it.

Possibly the young Colored ladies of this city are looking for husbands or something higher and that they have no ambition to become trained nurses.

F. A. RAWLINS ELECTED COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF OCCIDENTAL CONSIDORY NO. 24.

The first of last week, F. A. Rawlins, the up-to-date funeral director, 4821 S. State Street, was unanimously elected Commander in Chief of Occidental Consistory No. 24, of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Right Free Masonry, of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

Mr. Rawlins wears his new masonic honors with becoming modesty.

## Hon. Frank P. Danisch, the Chief Clerk of the Municipal Court, Continues to Make a Splendid Record

IN CONDUCTING THE AFFAIRS OF HIS OFFICE HE IS UP-TO-DATE IN EVERY RESPECT.

FORMER ALDERMAN JOHN S. DERPA AS CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK PERFORMS HIS DUTIES WELL AND FAITHFULLY AND WITH A PLEASANT SMILE ALL THE TIME. HE EXTENDS THE GLAD HAND TO ALL COMERS.

ROBERT MCKINLAY, WHO WAS ONE OF THE POPULAR MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ILLINOIS IS MAKING A DANDY RECORD AS CHIEF OF THE CIVIL MINUTE CLERKS.

A. H. ROBERTS, WHO HAS PROVEN HIMSELF EFFICIENT AS ONE OF THE CLERKS OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT IS STILL RETAINED IN HIS PRESENT POSITION BY MR. DANISCH.

As a rule a change of the administration of an important office from one party to another, for some considerable time, is at the expense of efficient service. A notable exception, however, to this rule is the Municipal Court Clerk's Office. The Hon. Frank P. Danisch was elected to this office in December, 1912. Being a lawyer himself, as well as a public-spirited citizen, having a proper conception of the duty that a public servant owes the public, he set about to see that the standard of efficiency in the office, to which he was chosen, should not be lowered. While he felt the duty that he owed to the party that honored him with a nomination and an election he kept steadily before him his duty to the people, and made changes in the office force so gradually that no inconvenience came to the public. Each one of the department heads was chosen with special reference to ability and fitness. For Chief Clerk he selected Hon. John S. Derpa, a gentleman of splendid parts with a public record behind him of which any man might feel justly proud. Like the positions he has already filled with so much acceptance, he has performed the many duties incident to his present position, in a manner that entitles him to higher honors at the hands of an appreciative public. Recognizing the splendid talents possessed by Clayton Pickett and Chas. Krimbill, he has appointed the former as auditor and retained the latter as Chief Clerk of the Criminal department, positions that each of them held so acceptably under the former administration. Hon. Robert McKinlay, a former member of the Illinois Legislature, was appointed Chief of the Civil Minute Clerks. This was a most excellent selection. It's a position of great responsibility, for he is largely responsible for the work done in the Courts by the Minute Clerks. While he is mild mannered and courteous those under him are made to understand that their positions are more dependent upon the character of their work than the strength of their pull. Nicholas Budzban has been put in

charge of the Civil record room. He comes in close touch with the public. His is a trying position but he fills it in such a manner that reflects credit upon himself and the man who had the wisdom to select such a faithful and capable man for the position. Possibly the most trying position in the Municipal Court Clerk's Office is the head of the information bureau. He comes in contact with all kinds of people and handles them most diplomatically. He is called upon to speak every language and answer questions that one as wise as Solomon could not answer. Frank Venecsek is the head of this department and fills it to the full. I have been in position to make the above observations and think that the public should be apprised of the splendid administration that Mr. Danisch is giving the people. He holds a position that may become an appointive one and not an elective one. Should that come in the near future I venture the prediction, on account of his splendid record, the Municipal Court bench would unanimously select him. While I am pleased to see Mr. Danisch recognizing merit above party in the retention of some White men of different political faith to himself, he has been just enough magnanimous enough, to show the same spirit in recognizing excellence in a Colored man by retaining Adelbert H. Roberts in this branch of the public service. I know that our readers appreciate this fitting recognition of merit in one of their own and will be delighted when an opportunity presents itself to show their appreciation of it in a substantial way. Mr. Danisch takes a deep interest in the welfare of the Colored people. He gave an ocular demonstration of this on the occasion of the great Douglass celebration held at Quinn Chapel last February. Being unable to attend himself he sent Mr. McKinlay, of his office, to convey his regrets and represent him as a testimony of the respect he had for the great man whose memory was being honored.

### NEWSPAPER LAW.

The Times at Neosho, Mo., says: "Judge James Ellison, of the Kansas City Court of Appeals, handed down the following decision in the case of O. D. Austin, of Bates County Recorder, vs. Burge, other members concurring, and published in 137 S. W. Report, p. 618: 'The preparation and publication of a newspaper involves much mental and physical labor, as well as an outlay of money. One who accepts the paper by continuously taking it from the postoffice receives a benefit and pleasure arising from such labor and expenditures as fully as if he had appropriated any other product of another's labor, and by such act he must be held liable for subscription price.'"

### JENNIE WATTS BROWN GOES EAST.

Jennie Watts Brown, Dramatic Reader, Character Impersonator, left Chicago for the East Monday and will make a short stay in Pittsburgh, Pa. On Thursday, May 7th, she will appear in recital at the Auditorium of the White High School Building in Kittanning, Pa., and will stop in Ohio on her return.

### STAG AND CABARET AT THE APPOMATTOX CLUB.

This evening a stag, prize whist and cabaret will hold forth on the billboards at the Appomattox Club, 3441 Wabash Avenue. Game called at 9 o'clock sharp. Cabaret at 11:30. Each member of the club will be permitted to invite two friends.